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In re Applicant:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action in the above-referenced case. A Response to Restriction Requirement and Office Action of March 7, 2003 is attached.

It is believed the fee for this extension is \$55.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional monies and/or credit any overpayment to the Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1322 (019896-00401).

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